12303 pieces of notes in the denomination of Rs. 100/-.

(b) So far, there is no evidence that the cancelled notes presented at the Bhubaneshwar office of the Reserve Bank of India were actually those meant for destruction at the Reserve Bank of India's office at Patna. The case has been entrusted to Central Bureau of Investigation.

(c) No revised guidelines have been issued by the Resesrve Bank of India for destruction of such notes as the existing guidelines have stood the test of time. The Reserve Bank of India has, however, impressed on all its office to follow the existing checks and precautions meticulously. The Reserve Bank of India has also constituted a special team to go round its office for surprise checks so that the prescribed procedures are strictly followed.

Damage to barbed wire fence erected along Indo-Pak Border due to floods

169. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the barbed-wire fence erected along the Indo-Pakistan border with a view to stopping infiltration of terrorists into Punjab from across the border has been badly damaged and at many places washed away due to the recent floods; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter and by when the repair work of the damaged portions is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to information furnished by C.P.W.D. about 30 Km. stretch, out of 83 Km. of fencing fully completed and 10 Km. partially done so far, has been partially/fully damaged due to the unprecedented floods of September, 1988.

(b) The damaged portion would be repaired/replaced as required as soon as the area, presently totally slushy and unapproachable, becomes fit for reconstruction activity.

Communal disturbances in Uttar Pradesh

170. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communal disturbances recently flared up in several parts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Central Government have taken to bring normalcy in the disturbed areas of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the recent communal violence in Muzzaffarnagar, Khatauli, Aligarh, Faizabad and some other places in Uttar Pradesh was due to the 'bandh' organised by the V.H.P. on 8th October, 1988, in response to the proposed march to Ayodhya on October 14, 1988, by the members of the coordination committee of the Babri Masjid movement. The VHP's followers attempted to get shops/establishments closed which resulted in altercation and group clashes. As per the available information, the communal violence which occurred at Aligarh, Muzaffarnagar, Khatauli and Faizabad, 36 persons were killed and 154 were injured.